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For: **OSTEOBLAST-SPECIFIC MITOGENS AND DRUGS CONTAINING SUCH COMPOUNDS**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the March 8, 2004 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application in which the Patent Office issued a Final Rejection. A response to this Office Action was originally due June 8, 2004. A two-month extension of time is being requested concurrently. Accordingly, a response to the Office Action is now due August 8, 2004.

Please amend the subject application as follows: